## **IN THE CLAIMS:**

Claims 1 through 15 are currently pending in the above-identified application. Please add new Claims 8 through 15, and please amend Claims 1 through 4 and 6, as follows:

- 1. (Currently Amended) A dewatering system for dewatering a material, the system comprising:
  - a pressure roller dewatering apparatus comprising:

two dewatering rollers <u>positioned</u> parallel to each other, the distance between <u>the dewatering rollers being which is</u> freely adjustable <u>for forming a</u> cake from the dewatered material, and

at least one water-absorbent draw-in member provided on the external periphery of <u>at least one of</u> the dewatering <u>rollers</u>;

a water content-controlling unit for dewatering the material until the water content of the material is reduced to a liquid limit or lower, to adjust the water content of the material based upon a relationship between the water content of the dewatered material to be fed to the dewatering rollers and a predetermined thickness of the cake to be formed from the dewatered material, and for supplying the resulting water-content-controlled dewatered material between the two dewatering rollers, the water content-controlling unit being disposed upstream of the pressure roller dewatering apparatus; and

a roller recycling unit for removing adhering matter and water from the drawin member.

- 2 (Currently Amended) The system according to claim 1, wherein the roller recycling unit comprises comprising:
  - a cake removing unit for removing the cake adhering onto the surface of the draw-in member;
    - a cleaning unit for cleaning the draw-in member [[unit]]; and
  - a water removing unit for removing the water absorbed in the draw-in member.
- 3. (Currently Amended) The system according to claim 2, wherein the cake removing unit comprises a transfer roller that makes rolling contact with the draw-in member of

the corresponding dewatering roller.

- 4. (Currently Amended) The system according to claim 3, wherein a scraper for scraping off the cake transferred from the draw-in member of the <u>corresponding</u> dewatering roller onto the surface of the transfer roller is provided to the transfer roller.
- 5. (Original) The system according to claim 2, wherein the cleaning unit comprises a washing nozzle for spraying water toward the surface of the draw-in member after the cake is removed from the surface of the draw-in member.
- 6. (Currently Amended) The system according to claim 2, wherein the water removing unit of the <u>roller recycling unit</u> draw-in member comprises a squeezer roller for rolling the draw-in member of the <u>corresponding</u> dewatering roller.
- 7. (Original) The system according to claim 1, further comprising a drain unit for collecting water produced by the roller recycling unit and draining the collected water to the outside of the dewatering system.
- 8. (New) The system according to claim 1, wherein the water-absorbent draw-in member is respectively provided on the external periphery of each of the dewatering rollers.
- 9. (New) The system according to claim 8, wherein the roller recycling unit comprises for each of dewatering rollers:
  - a cake removing unit for removing the cake adhering onto the surface of the draw-in member for a corresponding dewatering roller;
    - a cleaning unit for cleaning the draw-in member; and
  - a water removing unit for removing the water absorbed in the draw-in member.
- 10. (New) The system according to claim 9, wherein the water content of the material is reduced to a liquid limit of about 190 % or lower.

- 11. (New) The system according to claim 10, wherein the dewatering rollers provide an applied pressure of about 1,000 N to the dewatered material.
- 12. (New) The system according to claim 1, wherein the water content of the material is reduced to a liquid limit of about 190 % or lower.
- 13. (New) The system according to claim 12, wherein the water-absorbent draw-in member is respectively provided on the external periphery of each of the dewatering rollers.
- 14. (New) The system according to claim 13, wherein the dewatering rollers provide an applied pressure of about 1,000 N to the dewatered material.
- 15. (New) The system according to claim 1, wherein the dewatering rollers provide an applied pressure of about 1,000 N to the dewatered material.